

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A method of forming building materials containing as a main component magnesium oxide, comprising the steps of:
 - a) mixing magnesium oxide powder with at least one of vegetable powder, vegetable fiber, mineral powder, and mineral fiber in a predetermined mixing ratio to produce an admixture;
 - b) adding water to the admixture to produce a wet powdered admixture;
 - c) inserting the wet powdered admixture into a preheated mold, and heating and simultaneously compressing the wet powdered admixture at 80° to 120° C. under a pressure of 10 to 250 kg/cm² for a period of between 2 to 5 minutes to rapidly harden the admixture; and
 - d) releasing a resulting product from the mold.

2. (currently amended): A method of forming building materials containing as a main component magnesium oxide, comprising the steps of:
 - a) mixing magnesium oxide powder with at least one of vegetable powder, vegetable fiber, mineral powder, and mineral fiber in a predetermined mixing ratio to produce an admixture;
 - b) adding water to the admixture to produce a wet powdered admixture;
 - c) inserting the wet powdered admixture into a frame mold assembly of a molding machine including a frame mold and a preheated lower mold, and heating and simultaneously compressing the wet powdered admixture after a lower side of an upper mold is inserted into the frame mold for a period of between 2 to 5 minutes to rapidly harden the admixture; and
 - d) releasing a resulting product from the molding machine.

3. (currently amended): A method of forming building materials containing as a main component magnesium oxide, comprising the steps of:
 - a) mixing magnesium oxide powder with at least one of vegetable powder, vegetable fiber, mineral powder, and mineral fiber in a predetermined mixing ratio to produce an admixture;

- b) adding water to the admixture in such an amount that the admixture is useful to be used in an injection molding to produce a wet admixture;
- c) inserting the wet admixture from a high pressure nozzle through an inlet of a mold assembly into the mold assembly;
- d) hardening the wet admixture by a heater positioned in the mold assembly for a period of between 2 to 5 minutes and during insertion of the admixture into the mold assembly or after the admixture is inserted into the mold assembly; and
- e) releasing a resulting product from the mold assembly.

4. (currently amended): A method of forming building materials containing as a main component magnesium oxide, comprising the steps of:

- a) mixing magnesium oxide powder with at least one of vegetable powder, vegetable fiber, mineral powder, and mineral fiber in a predetermined mixing ratio to produce an admixture;
- b) adding water to the admixture in such an amount that the admixture is useful to be used in an extrusion molding to produce a wet admixture;
- c) extruding the wet admixture into a desired shape of a product by use of an extruder; and
- d) passing a resulting product through a heating device positioned before an outlet of the extruder for a period of between 2 to 5 minutes to harden the resulting product.

5. (currently amended): A building material containing as a main component magnesium oxide obtained by a method comprising the steps of:

- a) mixing magnesium oxide powder with at least one of vegetable powder, vegetable fiber, mineral powder, and mineral fiber in a predetermined mixing ratio to produce an admixture;
- b) adding water to the admixture to produce a wet powdered admixture;
- c) inserting the wet powdered admixture into a preheated mold, and heating and simultaneously compressing the wet powdered admixture for a period of between 2 to 5 minutes to rapidly harden the admixture; and
- d) releasing a resulting product from the mold.

6. (new): The method of forming building materials containing as a main component magnesium oxide in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the inserting the wet powdered

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admixture into a preheated mold, and heating and simultaneously compressing the wet powdered admixture, is performed at 100° C. under a pressure of 100 kg/cm² for a period of between 2 to 5 minutes to rapidly harden the admixture.